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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish congratulate Donna Marie Pezzuto on the
4 occasion of her retirement from CJE SeniorLife in Chicago after
5 an illustrious career building strong community-based programs
6 for older adults; and

7 WHEREAS, Donna Pezzuto began her career at CJE SeniorLife,
8 which is widely recognized as one of the most innovative and
9 effective nonprofit agencies in the United States serving only
10 older adults; when CJE was still a young agency, there were
11 only 25.5 million adults aged 65 and older living in the United
12 States, compared with 40.2 million in 2010 and a projected 55.9
13 million by 2020; and

14 WHEREAS, Donna Pezzuto devoted the past 33 years to
15 building many CJE programs; programs were built on the
16 recognition that older adults want to have the choice of living
17 happily and safely in community settings, engage with family
18 and friends, and that their future depends on having access to
19 an infrastructure of community supports; and

20 WHEREAS, Donna Pezzuto has held many positions over the
21 past decades at CJE, including manager of the Care Resources
22 Center, the Congregate Living Facilities, the Intake

1 Department, and the Neighborhood Advocacy and Consumer
2 Assistance departments; she was a Leadership Team member
3 helping to develop the Russian Resettlement Program and the
4 "Living at Home" program; she also served as Director of the
5 Grants and Government Affairs Department, as Senior Director of
6 the Healthy Aging Initiatives, and finally, as Vice-President
7 of the Healthy Aging and Community Initiatives; and

8 WHEREAS, Donna Pezzuto is cherished by her colleagues as
9 the best of all team players: she is passionate about the
10 outcome, creative, and always willing to take the initiative no
11 matter how difficult the task; she is detail-oriented, gracious
12 in coaching other staff, including many that she mentored so
13 that they could shine in their achievements, and she is always
14 trusted by those closest to her as their go-to person because
15 of her strategic thinking, her honest and non-judgmental
16 support, and her integrity; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
19 congratulate Donna Marie Pezzuto on her retirement from CJE
20 SeniorLife and wish her a long and equally fruitful retirement;
21 and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
23 presented to Donna Pezzuto as an expression of our esteem and

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